



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : John CRESCENTI et al.

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Title : HIERARCHICAL BACKUP AND RETRIEVAL  
SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003. Please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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